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APPLICANTS: Jubb et al.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

Further in response to the Office action dated August 29, 2001 and the Advisory Action dated March 8, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

I. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH

In paragraph 2 of the Office action, the Examiner has rejected claims 14-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, alleging that the claims contain subject matter not described in the specification. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request reconsideration and withdrawal thereof.

The Examiner alleges that the terminology "repeated exposures to temperatures exceeding 900 °C" is new matter. As pointed out in the response filed

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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other Request for Reconsideration, copy of Figure 3

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855

i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Other Any additional fees due

b. Check in the amount of \$ 740.00 enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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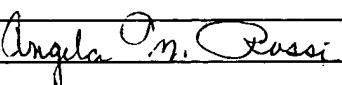
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